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Columbus Unlucky On Christmas Eve

America's first Christmas was celebrated by Christopher Columbus. It happened on Christmas eve of the memorable year 1492.

Columbus was planning to observe the Feast of the Nativity with the Indian chieftain, Guacanagari, who ruled over the island of Haiti. Already he had received fine presents from the chief who he believed to be the great Khan of Cipagno, that fabulous realm of the Orient Columbus mistakenly thought he had found.

But Columbus' plans went wrong. He was so tired from long watches while the Santa Maria cruised the island channels that he retired to his cabin for a nap. While he was sleeping, the next in command also decided to take a rest and went below. The helmsman, as tired as the others, decided that he deserved a rest as much as they and turned the tiller over to a cabin boy.

Abandon Ship.

The worst happened. Within a few minutes the Santa Maria was fast on a reef. The rolling surf drove the ship higher and higher upon the reef and opened her seams. Soon she fell over on her side and the water poured into her hull. Columbus and the crew were forced to seek refuge on his other ship, the Nina.

Early next morning Columbus sent word of the wreck to Chief Guacanagari. Promptly the chief sent a message to Columbus assuring him that he would give him all the assistance possible.

The noble chieftain was better than his word. He assembled a great flotilla of canoes and despatched them to the Santa Maria to bring all its valuables ashore. Amid the cargo the natives saw many things that made their eyes open wide with envy. Yet so strong was their friendship for the white men and so careful Guacanagari's supervision that not a single article was stolen.

Christmas Banquet.

After the last article had been brought ashore, Guacanagari had another plan. His guests had missed Christmas, but there was no reason why Columbus and the men should not enjoy the finest banquet he and his followers could provide.

There was game from the woods, lobster and fish from the sea; and all sorts of tropical fruits and vegetables. A thousand natives danced in Columbus' honor after the feasting and the climax of the ceremonies came when the chief brought out a coronet of gold and placed it upon Columbus' head. There were also presents of gold for the crew.

In the journal which he was keeping for Ferdinand and Isabella, Columbus wrote: "These people love their neighbors as themselves; their discourse is ever sweet and gentle, and accompanied by a smile. I swear to your majesties, there is not in the world a better nation or land."

Secret Gifts Left By St. Nicholas

The story of how St. Nicholas became associated with secret gift-giving, and even today comes covertly at night to leave his presents, is one of the most important in the history of his life.

Once upon a time there was a man with three daughters, all of them wishing to marry, but with no dowry forthcoming. Sorry, indeed, was their plight. Their father had about decided to sell them as slaves, but the good St. Nicholas heard of it, and filling a purse with gold, went quietly by night to their home. Seeing a window open, he threw in the bag of gold and then stole away in the night. This money enabled the eldest daughter to marry. A second and a third time St. Nicholas made the trip and finally all three daughters were married.

After the Saint's third trip, the girls' father, who had been watching to see who brought the gifts, ran after St. Nicholas and thanked him for his kindness. St. Nicholas made him promise not to divulge his gift-giving and after that he always deposited his presents so secretly that no one ever saw him. Yet people knew, somehow, that it was he who brought gifts during the night, and so whenever they found a package mysteriously delivered they instantly exclaimed, "St. Nicholas has brought it!"

Richwood

Richwood, Dec. 8.- Services will be held at Wesley Chapel Church Sunday at 3 P. M. All denominations are cordially invited.

Mrs. Carter Martin, president of the Richwood unit of the Home Demonstration Clubs, announces that plans are complete to entertain the members and their families at a buffet supper at her home on December 10. The women will meet at 3:30 P. M. to prepare the food and the men and other members of the families are to assemble at 6:30.

Mrs. Walter Lee enjoyed being hostess to the children of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Pugh Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Snow were in Roanoke on business last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cordell and son, James were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cordell.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Williams and children, recently back from Tenn., are now making their home in the house erected last year by John J. Moore.

Mrs. D. A. Pugh visited with Mrs. Robert Wilbun last Thursday afternoon.

Floyd Trent, who is home recuperating from a recent illness, spent the week-end with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carey, in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh were Sunday afternoon guests of Mrs. Pugh's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wooldridge and Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh and others attended a neighborhood "Tobacco Tying," at the home of Randall Wooldridge on Tuesday night.

Master Lynn Raymond Godsey, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Godsey is recovering from a case of chicken pox.

Sprout Spring

Shearer Robertson is improving after a tonsil operation.

Mrs. H. A. Torrence, who has been visiting her sister in Roanoke, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Brown, of Big Island and Miss Barbara Anne Carson have returned from a vacation in Miami.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Robertson visited their daughter, Mrs. Joel Asher in Brookneal.

Mrs. J. D. Johnston has been spending two weeks with Mrs. Verda Lee Jenkins, in Roanoke. She has returned to Sprout Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gilliam, Jr. and daughter, of Pamplin were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Johnston.

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High School Chatter....

Gee—Time surely flies!

It's almost time for Santa Claus to be starting on his journey. Watch out that you are good kiddies!

Time also for our report cards. Say—it's a bad time for reports, with Christmas almost here and everybody trying to be as good as can be. We surely hope we get good grades.

The students enjoyed the inspirational talk on, "The Meaning of Christmas," given by the Rev. G. Hughes in chapel Wednesday.

Mrs. Taylor's class was in charge of the program.

Miss Holley certainly wore a pretty dress Friday—a brown crepe with lovely buttons. She must be getting new clothes for her trip home this Christmas.

We are looking forward to the Student Party on Friday night. We hear it is to be semi-formal. We'd like to come and see how pretty the girls will look in their long dresses.

We are glad to see Jearline back in school, after being absent on account of illness.

It seems Verta visits Lynchburg rather often—we hear she goes up there during the week. Does Dan live in Lynchburg by any chance?

Mike and Kendall are getting along just fine. They really do like to play volley ball.

The 11th graders and members of the Latin Class are practicing Christmas pageant to be presented in assembly Tuesday morning. It will also be presented next Tuesday night in the auditorium.

Our last week's Personality was Miss Hamilton, as you have probably guessed.

We are going to describe a girl in this week. She is a blonde with blue eyes, about 5' 6" tall, a charter member of the 11th grade, has a number of offices in school, president of her class, vice-president of SCA, and a member of the cheerleaders. She likes sports, dancing and music.

We think you ought to know now but, one last hint: she is a basketball winner!

Guess for this time.

HAZEL MOON YWA

The Hazel Moon Y. W. A.'s of the Spring Baptist Church met Monday, December 8, at the home of Mrs. Jennings. The program entitled "Christmas In All Lands," was given by all members. After a meeting many games were played and presents given to each member. The next meeting will be held January 13, 1949, with Pauline

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Senior Pastor Of Evergreen

Friday, November 19, the Y. W. A. met at the Evergreen Baptist Church. When the Pastor and Mrs. Jones arrived they discovered they had honored guests, while a delightful program was given by the Young Women's Auxiliary. During the program Mrs. Edwin Jones informed the Pastor that he and Mrs. Carter were not taken by surprise, but by the membership of the church; they were appreciated.

A token of appreciation and thankfulness, Mr. and Mrs. Carter were called forward. They were presented with Spurgeon's Booklet, "Our Helps, and twenty-five dollars, which they were requested to lend their way to the basement of the church. There they found a table filled with foodstuffs, in addition to which they found a table that totalled $92.00, some of which came through the mail. The Y. W. A. served fruit punch to all in attendance. Rev. and Mrs. Carter deeply grateful for this remembrance.

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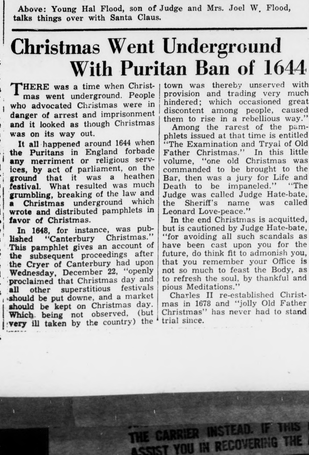
Above: Santa Claus greets Miss Mary Yancey Spencer, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Y. Spencer, of Appomattox.



Above: Young Hal Flood, son of Judge and Mrs. Joel W. Flood, talks things over with Santa Claus.

Christmas Went Underground With Puritan Ban of 1644

THERE was a time when Christmas went underground. People who advocated Christmas were in danger of arrest and imprisonment and it looked as though Christmas was on its way out.

It all happened around 1644 when the Puritans in England forbade any merriment or religious services, by act of parliament, on the ground that it was a heathen festival. What resulted was much grumbling, breaking of the law and a Christmas underground which wrote and distributed pamphlets in favor of Christmas.

In 1648, for instance, was published "Canterbury Christmas." This pamphlet gives an account of the subsequent proceedings after the Cryer of Canterbury had upon Wednesday, December 22, "openly proclaimed that Christmas day and all other superstitious festivals should be put downe, and a market should be kept on Christmas day. Which, being not observed, (but very ill taken by the country) the town was thereby unserved with provision and trading very much hindered; which occasioned great discontent among people, caused them to rise in a rebellious way."

Among the rarest of the pamphlets issued at that time is entitled "The Examination and Tryal of Old Father Christmas." In this little volume, "one old Christmas was commanded to be brought to the Bar, then was a jury for Life and Death to be impaneled." "The Judge was called Judge Hate-bate, the Sheriff's name was called Leonard Love-peace."

In the end Christmas is acquitted, but is cautioned by Judge Hate-bate, "for avoiding all such scandals as have been cast upon you for the future, do think fit to admonish you, that you remember your Office is not so much to feast the Body, as to refresh the soul, by thankful and pious Meditations."

Charles II re-established Christmas in 1678 and "Jolly Old Father Christmas" has never had to stand trial since.

Rev. W. R. Reed Died Sunday; Was Pastor Here

The community was saddened on Sunday morning, when news came of the death of the Rev. William Roland Reed, who was serving his fourth year as pastor of the Methodist Church at Luray, Va. He was stricken ill a few weeks ago, while en route to Richmond. He was carried to St. Luke's Hospital, where he remained for two weeks, returning to the parsonage at Luray about a week before his death.

The deceased was a native of King William County, Va. and was educated at William and Mary College, and the University of Virginia. He received his theological training at the Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, and Emory University, of Atlanta, Georgia.

He joined the Virginia Conference in 1921, and had been active in the ministry since that time, and was Vice-Chairman of the Conference Board of Education, and gave himself unstintingly to educational work, in which field he was known as one of the best Bible teachers in the Conference. He was a man of strong convictions and a forceful preacher. It can truly be said that "a great man has fallen" within the ranks of the Virginia Conference, but his ministry has left an imprint upon the minds and hearts of those who knew him that time will not soon erase.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Edith Willis Reed, and a number of brothers and sisters. Having served as pastor of Memorial Methodist Church of this place for four years, during which time the church made much progress, he has many friends here who mourn his loss.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at Luray Methodist Church, and attended by all pastors of the Winchester District, and conducted at the cemetery in LaCrosse Tuesday, conducted by Bishop W. W. Peele, Dr. S. B. Oglesby and Dr. C. C. Bell.

Results of Spelling Bee

The first in a series of spelling bees was held Tuesday, December 7, in the high school auditorium. The two winners in this contest were Lora Peshaan, of the eighth grade, Appomattox school and Betty Cawthorne, from the seventh grade, Evergreen schoo.

Pamplin High School held a similar contest on the same date. The two winners at Pamplin were Frances Cumby and Dick Baldwin. The Pamplin judges were Mrs. Inge, Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Southall.

After a series of preliminary contests, a final county-wide spelling bee will be held in March to determine the two students who will represent the county in Lynchburg in April, in a spelling bee sponsored by the Lynchburg News and Advance. The winner there will go to Washington to participate in a national contest.

Announcers in the local contest were Mrs. Alfred Harwood, Jr., and the Rev. J. Marshall Walker. The judges were Rev. George Hughes, Rev. R. C. Maxwell and Mrs. T. M. Cunningham.

PTA Meeting

The regular meeting of the local Parent - Teacher Association will be held on December 21, 1948, in the High School Library. A short business meeting will be held at 7:30 P. M., after which the group will adjourn to the auditorium to see the Christmas Pageant, which is presented annually by the high school students. It will be under the direction of Miss Harriett Holley and Mrs. Wiley Morris.

The pageant is entitled, "The Light of The World" and tells the Christmas story in pantomine. Large choruses of boys and girls sing the accompanying music.

The public is invited and urged to attend both the Parent-Teacher meeting and the pageant.

Play safe—drive carefully.

Post Office Here To Open Sunday P. M.

The local Post Office will be open Sunday, December 19, between the hours of 2 and 4 P. M., for the convenience of the publ , according to K. LeRoy Smith, Postmaster.

Mr. Smith states that patrons are still holding off from early Christmas mailing, and that if they continue to wait until the last-minute rush it will make pre-Christmas deliveries uncertain.

If town patrons will take advantage of the Sunday afternoon hours by calling for packages, buying stamps and mailing both cards and packages, it will alleviate the last-minute rush.

Gifts For Boy Scouts

In a recent drive to secure funds for the Boy Scouts, the following contributions were reported:

K. C. Gregory, $2.00; H. B. Pack, 5.00; State Farm Ins. Co., 5.00; Appomattox Frozen Food Locker, 5.00; Dr. C. G. O'Brien, 5.00; Frank Carr, 5.00; Hunter Lumber Co., 5.00; A. R. Harwood, Jr., 5.00; Moses Motor Co., 10.00; J. W. Flood, 10.00; J. A. Burke, 5.00; E. D. Tegethoff, 5.00; Grinels Motor Co., 10.00; C. Lewis Mr-Dearmon, 5.00; Dewitt Evans 5.00; J. E. Sears & Co., 10.00.

Additional gifts may be sent to C. S. Booth, Secretary Lions Club.

Methodist Plan Pageant

"When Santa Missed the Christmas Road," a four scene play, will be presented by Memorial Methodist Church in the Appomattox High School auditorium at 7:30 P. M., Wednesday, December 22.

The cast will include:

Mr. Sante Claus, Byron Babcock
Mrs. Santa Claus, Nellie Doss
Thomas Toymaker, Harry Gordon Lawson
Benjamin Bookfellow, Sam Ferguson
Jerry, Santa's Chore Boy, Bobby Burkey
Animated Dolls: Mama Doll, Peggy Godsey; Other Dolls: Janie Gilliam, Patsy Wilcox, Kitty Vaughan Wood.
Animated Toys:
Teddy Bear, Howlett Hunter
Boy Pushing Wheel Barrow, Dick Hamilton
Boy as Jumping Jack, Holcomb Wood
Monkey Boy, Tom Holland
Mr. Grouch, Billy Conner
High School Girls: Lois Wood, Gwendolyn Shuford, Kathryn Burkey, Loretta Doss, Peggy Smith, Sandra Wood
Twins: Bradley Babcock, Frankie Doss
Mrs. Jenkins (poor widow) Mary Spiggle
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Ezry Jenkins, Joe Fuller
Lisby Jenkins, Alton Smith
Ruthie Jenkins, Peggy Godsey
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Mr. Smith, Tom Moore
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Mildred Smith, Helen Franklin
Bob Smith, Billy Bobbitt
Jack Smith, John Ivey Holland
Christmas Spirit, Faye Wood.
Pianist, Miss Easley Shuford
Director, Mrs. Grover Smith.

Pamplin Club

On December 1, 1948, the F. H. A. of Pamplin High School was organized by Miss Lois Oliver. The following officers were elected:

President, Jean Jennings
Vice-pres., Doris Wilson
Secretary, Naomi Meadows
Treasurer, Irene Simmons
Reporter, Ann Tolley
Parliamentarian, Shelby Williams
Teacher advisor, Mrs.T.M. Trent.

On December 8 these officers attended the meeting of the Longwood Federation at Farmville.

—Reporter: Ann Tolley

Lions Club Plans Annual Santa Visit

The annual Lions Club Christmas celebration, presenting Santa Claus in person, with gifts for children, will be held Christmas Eve, December 24, it has been announced by a Lions Club Christmas committee.

Santa Claus will arrive in town around 3:00 P. M. that day, riding in a "Red Jeep." He will be loaded with gifts. Come and meet him!

Santa Claus Here Saturday

The Appomattox Hardware Co., announces that Santa Claus will be present in person in their store this Saturday from 2 to 4:30 P. M.

Parents are invited to bring their children to meet this distinguished visitor.

ANOTHER BIG TURNIP

W. P. Lucado, of Pamplin, joined the ranks of those growing big turnips this year, when he brought one to the Times-Virginian office this week. His entry tipped the scales at 10 and one-fourth pounds.

Christmas Song Service

The annual Christmas music hour will be held this Sunday evening at 7:30 at Liberty Baptist Church.

The chorus singing song service will be, "The Birthday of a King."

The public is cordially invited.

Funeral of Mrs. Stanley

MRS. JAMES H. STANLEY

Mrs. Betty Simpson Stanley, 80, widow of James H. Stanley, died at her home here at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Born in Campbell County, she was the daughter of Dennis and Susan Smith O'Connor. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. H. M. Burge, of Appomattox; four sons, W. H. and R. W. Stanley, of Appomattox; James H. Stanley, of Richmond, and J. C. Stanley, of Norfolk; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held today at 4 P. M., from the Memorial Methodist Church, conducted by her pastor, the Rev. R. C. Maxwell. Interment will be in Liberty Cemetery.

Burley Quotas Announced

The 1949 marketing quotas on burley tobacco will result in no change in most Virginia farm acreage allotments, according to R. B. Bridgforth, chairman of the State Committee of the Production and Marketing Administration. This announcement followed the proclamation by the Secretary of Agriculture of a national marketing quota for next year's burley crop of 545 pounds, made in conformity with the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended.

Converting the poundage quota to acres, on the basis of the 1943-47 acreage yields, national farm acreage allotments for 1949 will total about 469 acres as compared with 464,000 acres alloted in 1948. The difference of 5,600 acres will be held in reserve for establishing allotments for farms upon which no burley tobacco has been grown during the past years and for increasing allotments for farms where the local committees find the allotments to be inequitable.

Virginia burley growers were allotted 14,923 acres in 1948 and this is approximately the mount they will get next year, Bridgforth said. Planted acreage in Virginia in 1948 was 11,514 acres.

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